

I-405 Projects Update

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WSDOT Staff Reaches Out To Communities

WSDOT staff continually work with community groups to improve our transportation projects and provide information about our projects. We are currently working with neighborhood associations, businesses and transportation interest groups to prepare for upcoming I-405 construction. If you would like the I-405 Project Team to talk with your organization, please contact Colleen Gants at 425-456-8555 or GantsC@wsdot.wa.gov.

Watch the [I-405 Projects Community Calendar](#) for details about upcoming presentations and meetings. A few we have planned in the near future are:

Bellevue

- Summer/Fall 2005 – Bellevue Chamber of Commerce

Kirkland

- September 27 – Everest Neighborhood

Bothell

- July 5 – Bothell City Council
- Summer/Fall 2005 – Bothell Chamber of Commerce

2005 Transportation Partnership Account Funds 11 New I-405 Projects

The latest transportation funding package approved by the Washington State Legislature provides an additional \$972 million to address traffic chokepoints in key locations along the I-405 corridor. On Monday, May 9, Governor Christine Gregoire took a bus tour through Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties and signed major transportation budget and revenue bills. This tour included stops along the I-405 corridor at the Renton Transit Center and the Kingsgate Park-and-Ride Lot in Kirkland.

WSDOT is developing and implementing strategies to efficiently deliver the [eleven newly funded projects](#) in conjunction with the Nickel projects. We still need regional funding to completely address some of the critical congestion points, such as the section of I-405 between Renton and Bellevue.

Totem Lake Freeway Station Project Update

WSDOT and Sound Transit awarded the construction contract for the Sound Transit Totem Lake Freeway Station Project to Max J. Kuney Construction of Spokane last month, for \$42 million. Construction on this Sound Transit-funded project is scheduled to begin in late June. Sound Transit and WSDOT are planning to hold an event in early July to celebrate the start of construction.

On June 4, we closed the Kingsgate Freeway Station flyer stops at I-405 and NE 132nd Street in Kirkland. Sound Transit is providing a shuttle (King County Metro Route 630) running between the Kingsgate Park-and-Ride Lot and the Bellevue Transit Center.

During construction, we're asking you to [plan your trips in advance](#), [form carpools or vanpools](#), or [ride the bus](#) to help minimize traffic congestion and reach your destination in a safe and timely manner.

For more information, please visit our [Totem Lake Freeway Station Project Web site](#).

WSDOT Addresses Your Concerns About the I-405 Environment

WSDOT invited the public to attend a series of meetings over the past 18 months about I-405 projects. In these meetings, we asked you for input on social, environmental, economic and design issues you think we should consider as we study each project's effects on the environment. We have answered your comments in "Scoping Reports." You can read these reports on our project Web sites and at local libraries.

- [Kirkland Nickel Improvement Project Scoping Report](#)
- [Bellevue Nickel Improvement Project Scoping Report](#)
- [Renton Nickel Improvement Project Scoping Report](#) (pdf 3.5 MB)
- [Renton to Bellevue Project Scoping Report](#)

Renton Nickel Improvement Project Update

We have changed the environmental review for the Renton Nickel Improvement Project (I-5 to Highway 169). When initiated at the January 2005 scoping meeting, the review included the following improvements:

- one northbound lane on I-405 between Highway 181 and Highway 167
- one southbound lane on I-405 between Highway 169 and Highway 167
- extending the Highway 167 southbound HOV lane north to I-405
- one southbound lane on Highway 167 between I-405 and SW 41st Street
- one southbound lane on I-405 between Highway 181 and I-5

In response to additional funding as provided by the 2005 State legislature through the Transportation Partnership Program, we are including additional improvements in the review:

- one northbound lane on I-405 between I-5 and Highway 181
- one northbound lane on I-405 between Highway 167 and Highway 169

The environmental review will also include the addition of one southbound lane on I-405 between Highway 167 and Highway 181. We have not yet secured funding for this project but we are including it in the review for future funding considerations.

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